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I am writing to request that you reject the National Association of Broadcaster's petition 04-160 regarding the ability of XM Satellite Radio's to continue providing local content. I've been a subscriber to XM Radio now for around a year, and think it's been a huge step forward in the quality of broadcast entertainment. I've listened to local broadcast radio for 35 years, and I believe that the quality of it has been steadily deteriorating for at least the last decade. XM has stepped in to fill the void, and I am more than happy to pay their monthly fee to receive their broadcasts. I believe that I have a right to continue doing so. It's truly upsetting now to hear of government regulation - which is supposed to be employed to protect the public interest - is potentially being used instead to protect entrenched economic interests against an innovative technology that the public is eager to support. I would like to think that a petition such as this would not even given serious consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion on this issue.

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